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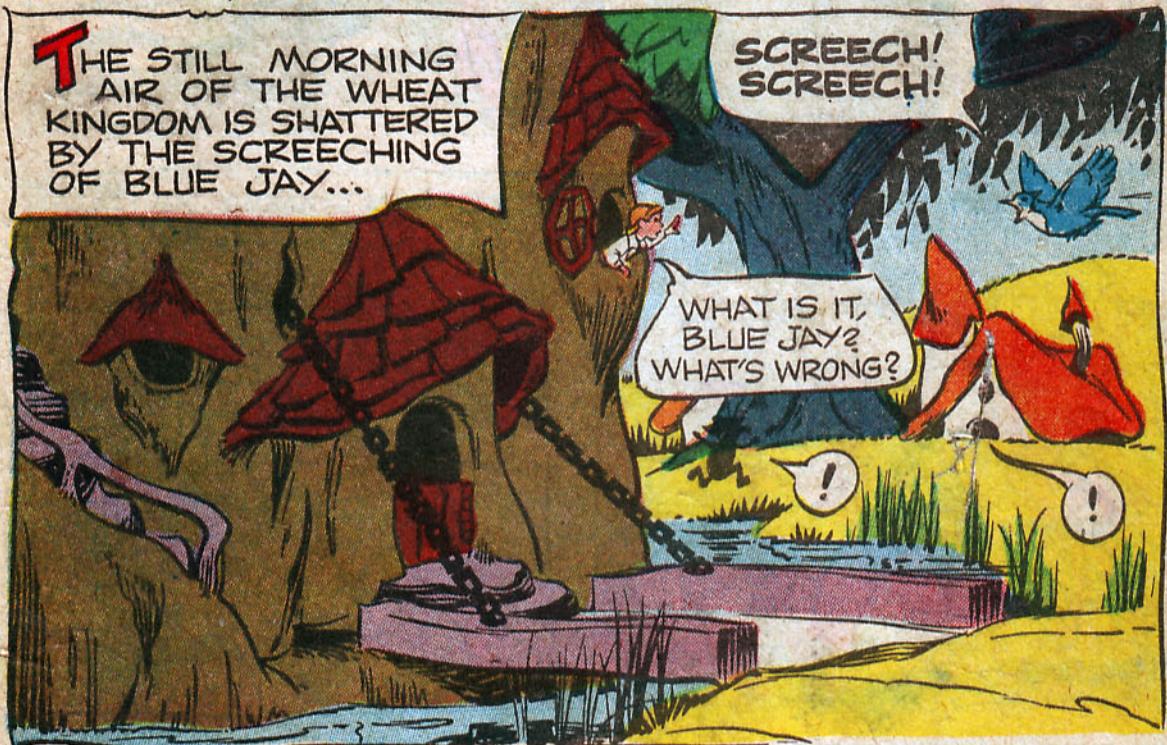
The Adventures of **PETER WHEAT**



THE STILL MORNING AIR OF THE WHEAT KINGDOM IS SHATTERED BY THE SCREECHING OF BLUE JAY...

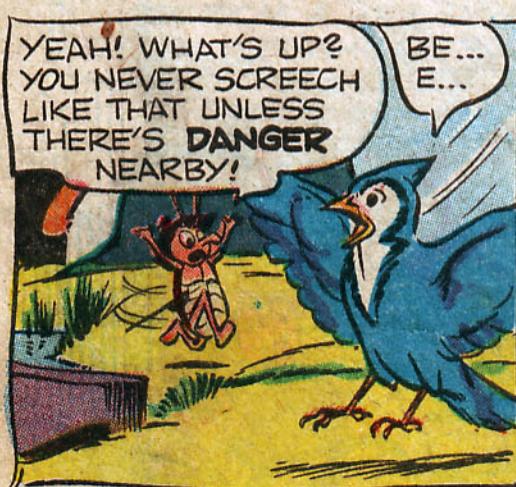
SCREECH!
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WHAT IS IT,
BLUE JAY?
WHAT'S WRONG?

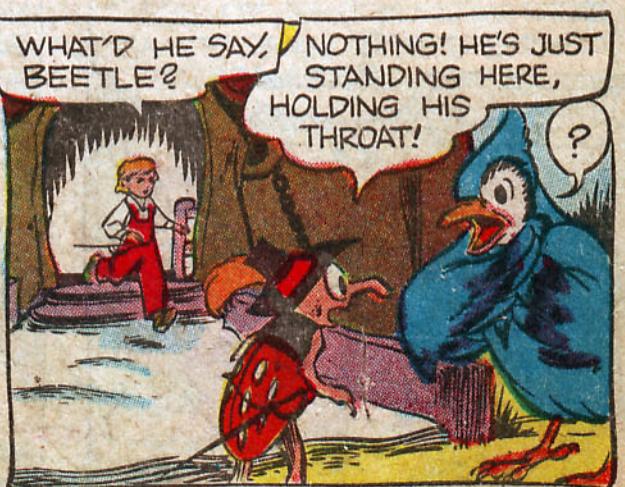


YEAH! WHAT'S UP?
YOU NEVER SCREECH
LIKE THAT UNLESS
THERE'S DANGER
NEARBY!

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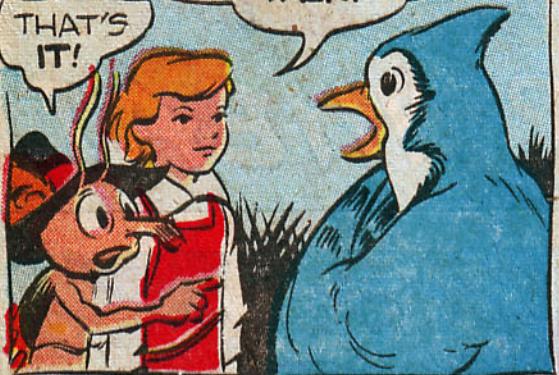
WHAT'D HE SAY?
NOTHING! HE'S JUST
STANDING HERE,
HOLDING HIS
THROAT!



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MAYBE HE SCREECHED SO LOUD
TO WARN US ABOUT SOMETHING
THAT HE STRAINED HIS VOCAL
CORDS AND **CAN'T**
TALK!



IF THERE'S DANGER, WE CAN'T
WAIT FOR YOUR VOICE TO RE-
TURN, BLUE JAY! CAN YOU
LEAD US TO WHAT YOU WANTED
TO TELL US ABOUT?

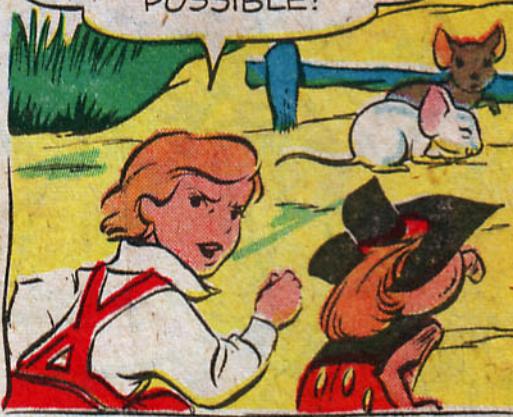


TO OUR MOUNTS,
BEETLE! MAKE
HASTE!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

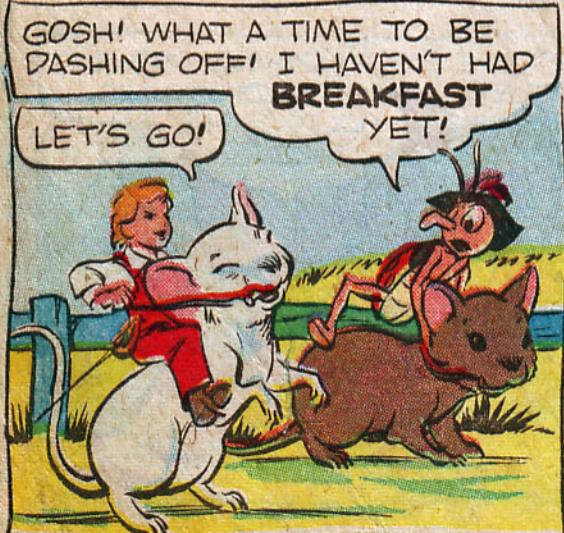


WE DON'T KNOW YET!
WE'LL LET YOU WHEAT FOLK
KNOW AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE!



GOSH! WHAT A TIME TO BE
DASHING OFF! I HAVEN'T HAD
BREAKFAST
YET!

LET'S GO!

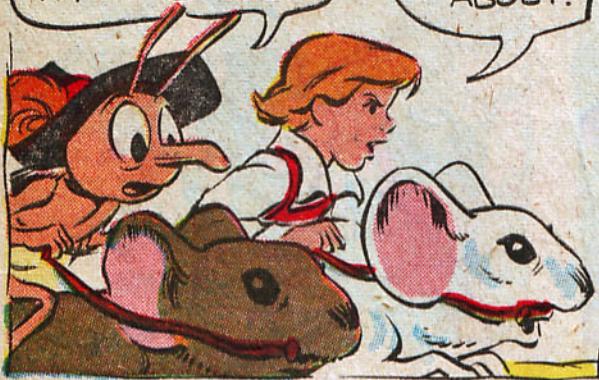


NOTHING LIKE A MORNING
GALLOP TO SHARPEN UP THE
APPETITE, BEETLE!



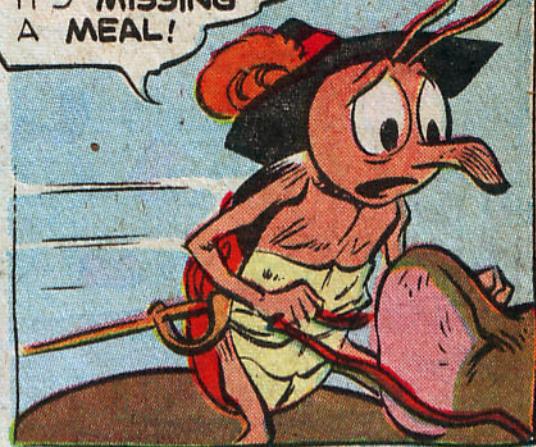
BLUE JAY IS HEADING FOR THE LAKE! I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

I'M MORE HUNGRY THAN CURIOUS!



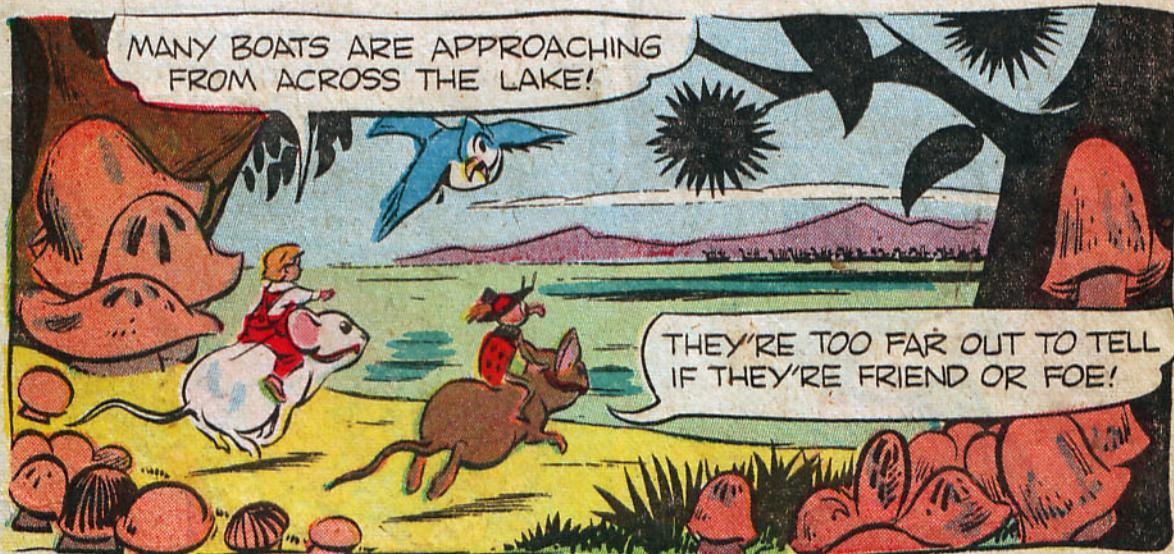
IF THERE'S ONE THING I DISLIKE... IT'S MISSING A MEAL!

BEHOLD!



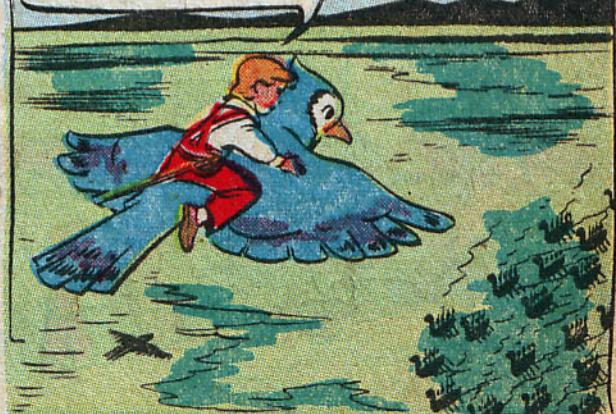
MANY BOATS ARE APPROACHING FROM ACROSS THE LAKE!

THEY'RE TOO FAR OUT TO TELL IF THEY'RE FRIEND OR FOE!



WHATEVER THEY ARE - THERE'RE PLENTY OF THEM! SWOOP DOWN LOW, BLUE JAY!

I'LL SOON FIND OUT! WAIT HERE, BEETLE!



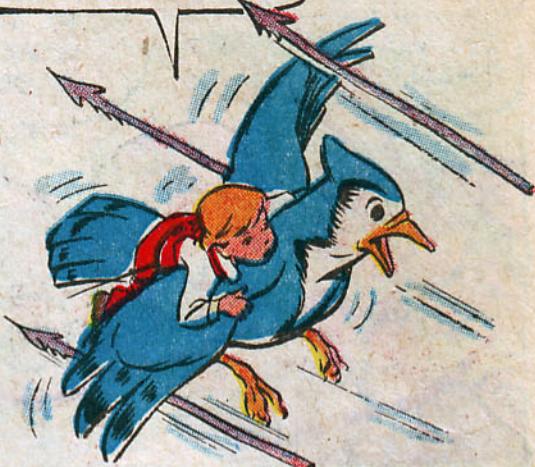
BELOW...

IT'S PETER WHEAT!
SPEAR HIM
DOWN!

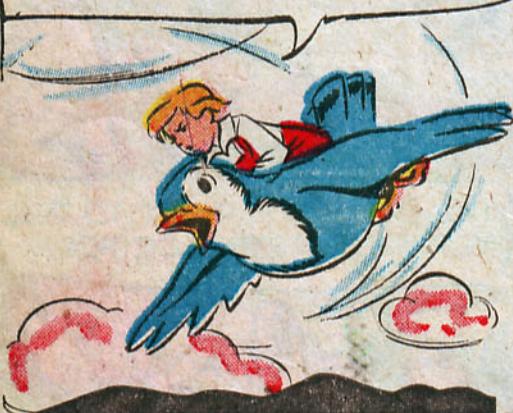


AYE!

ZOUNDS! IT'S AN ARMY OF GIANT
LEAFHOPPERS!



BACK TO OUR SHORE, BLUE JAY,
AND **FAST!** WE'VE GOT TO SET
UP A DEFENSE OF SOME SORT!

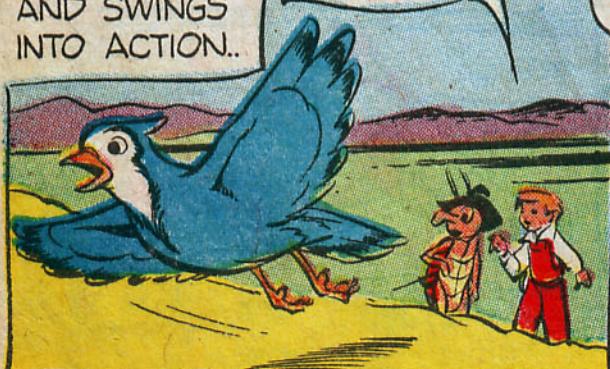


IF THOSE LEAFHOPPERS MANAGE
TO LAND ON OUR SHORE, THEY'LL
SOON DESTROY OUR PLANT LIFE!
THEY FEED ON THE SAP IN PLANTS,
WHICH CAUSES WILTING AND
OTHER SERIOUS DAMAGE!



BACK ASHORE,
PETER
EXPLAINS THE
SITUATION
AND SWINGS
INTO ACTION..

BRING **FROG** BACK
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE,
BLUE JAY!



IF FROG CAN SWIM
OUT AND UPSET A
FEW BOATS, IT'LL
DELAY THEIR
ARRIVAL!

BUT
NOT
FOR
LONG!

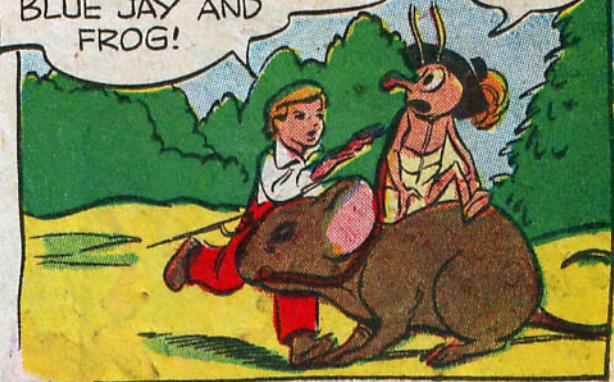


IF WE COULD ONLY BATTLE THEM OUT ON THE WATER... HM-M! I THINK I HAVE A PLAN!



QUICKLY BEETLE! RIDE TO THE VILLAGE AND BRING BACK **TERENCE TERMITE**! I'LL WAIT HERE FOR BLUE JAY AND FROG!

HERE THEY COME NOW!



WHAT'S UP PETER? I COULDN'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF BLUE JAY! HE JUST SWOOPED ME UP!



WE'RE BEING INVADED BY GIANT LEAFHOPPERS!

I NEED TIME TO WORK OUT A PLAN! DO YOU THINK YOU COULD SWIM OUT AND TIP OVER A FEW BOATS TO DELAY THEM?



GOOD LUCK, FROG! WE'LL BE OUT TO JOIN YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

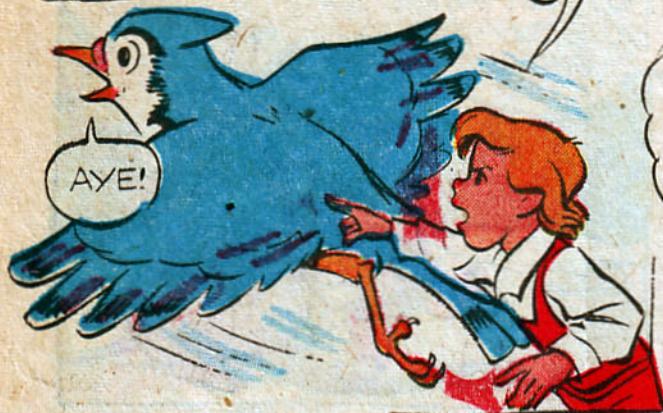


PETER! MY **VOICE** JUST CAME BACK! I CAN TALK AGAIN!



TELL THE FOLK OF THE WHEAT KINGDOM TO BRING ALL THE WHEAT THEY CAN CARRY OR HAUL!

THAT'LL BE OUR LAST DEFENSE IN CASE MY OTHER PLAN FAILS!



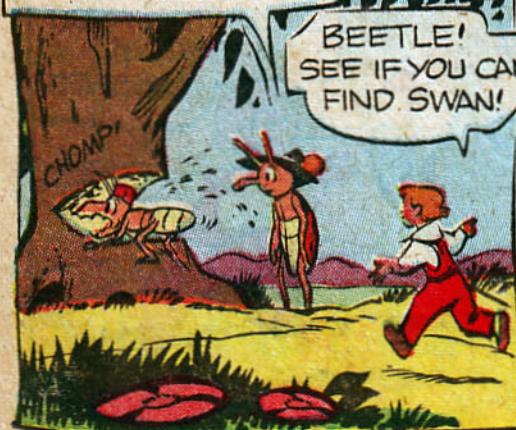
QUICKLY TERENCE! DROP THAT TREE IN THE WATER! I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I HAVE IN MIND WHEN WE GO ALONG!



THIS IS DELICIOUS! GOOD THING I DIDN'T HAVE BREAKFAST BEFORE YOU PICKED ME UP, BEETLE!



DON'T MENTION BREAKFAST! I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO HAVE MINE YET!



GOOD WORK, TERENCE - NOW HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO NEXT!

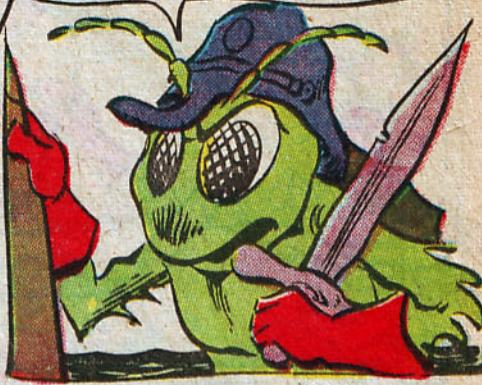
SWAN'
HERE,
SWAN!



MEANWHILE, THE INVADING ARMY CONTINUES ITS STEADY APPROACH.

FASTER, MEN! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THAT PETER WHEAT IS UP TO, NOW THAT HE'S SPOTTED US!

BUT ONCE WE GET ASHORE, HE WON'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST US, AND HE KNOWS IT!



WHAT CAN I
DO TO HELP
PETER?

NOTHING AT THE MOMENT, SWAN!
BUT TERENCE IS INSIDE THE LOG
NOW - HOLLOWING IT OUT! AS SOON
AS HE FINISHES, WE'LL NEED
YOU FOR PADDLING!



HERE COME THE WHEAT FOLK WITH
GOBS OF WHEAT, PETER! ARE WE
GOING TO MILL IT AND HAVE
SOMETHING TO EAT—I HOPE?

NO! HAVE THEM SPREAD
IT OUT ALONG THE SHORE!
AND HAVE TORCHES
READY AND WAITING!



OUT ON THE
LAKE, FROG
HAS CHANGED
HIS TACTICS...

DRAT IT! HE'S
LEAPING **OVER**
AND PUSHING US
OFF ONE BY ONE!



AND IF WE PULL OUR
SPEARS OUT FROM UNDER,
HE'LL UPSET OUR BOATS!

WE'LL FIX HIM!



NEXT TIME HE JUMPS OUT, EVERYBODY COME UP WITH THEIR SPEARS!

HERE HE COMES!

BONK!

YEA!

GOT HIM!
NOW START
PADDLING
FOR SHORE!

PETER!
FROG WAS
JUST
STUNNED
BY A
BLOW!

AFTER HIM, BLUE JAY!
GOOD THING YOU
WERE LOOKING THAT
WAY WITH YOUR
KEEN EYES!

I HAVE
THE POLES
READY,
TERENCE!

SHE'S READY
TO SHOVE OFF!

I SEE FROG! HE'S
SINKING TO THE
BOTTOM!

I HOPE
I CAN
REACH
HIM IN
TIME!

IF I CAN JUST
GET HIM ON MY
BACK, ALL
WILL BE
WELL!

WHEW! WHAT
HAPPENED?

YOU ZIGGED
WHEN YOU
SHOULD HAVE
ZAGGED,
FROG!



MEANWHILE,
PETER HAS
HIS ATTACK
CRAFT UNDER
WAY...

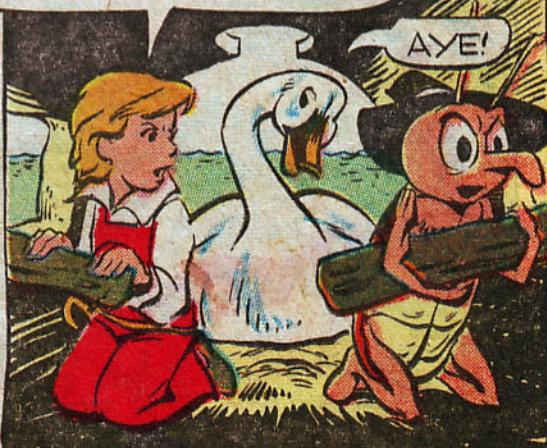
PADDLE FAST, SWAN! YOU
WON'T HAVE MUCH
PROTECTION BACK
THERE!

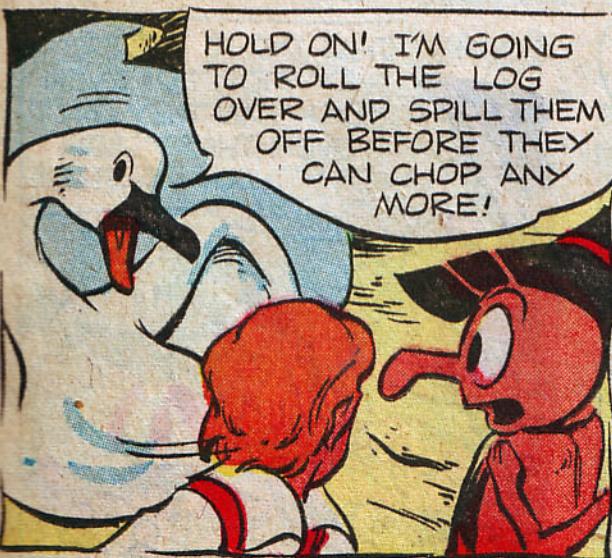
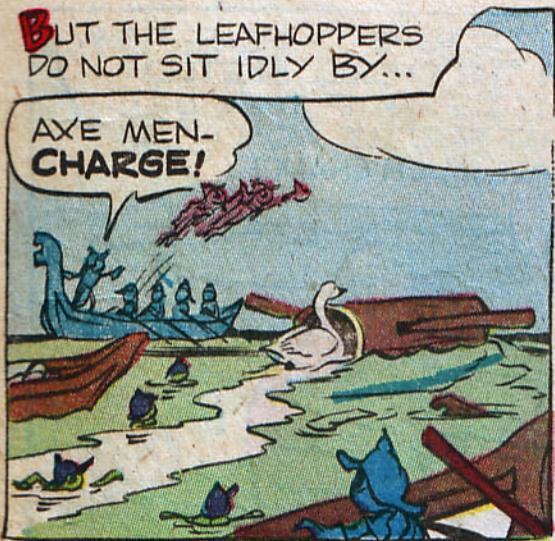
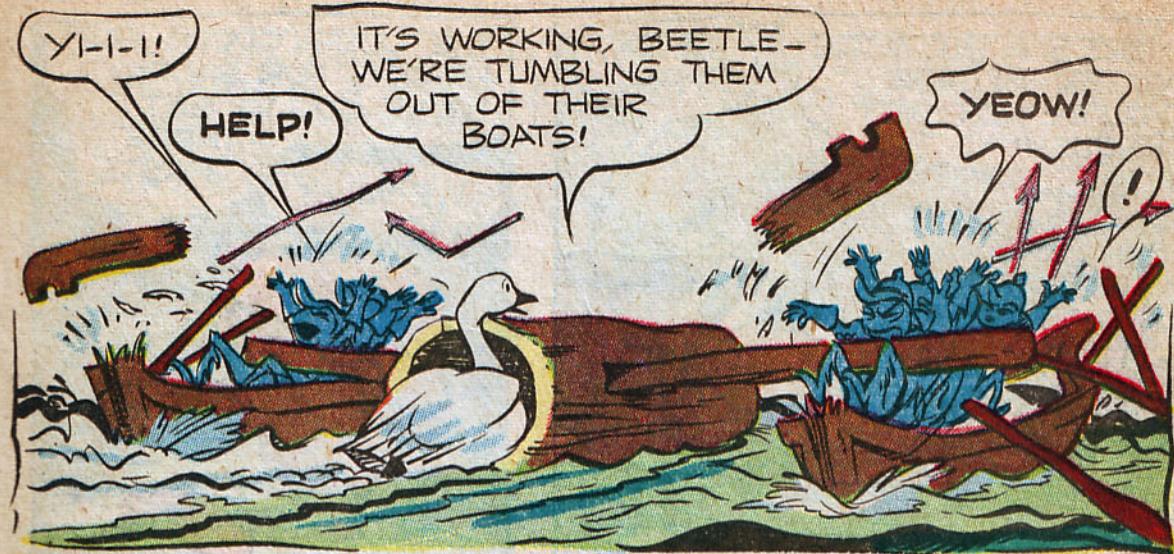


DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME,
PETER—I CAN ALWAYS
PULL MY HEAD IN!

BEHOLD! WHAT SORT
OF THING IS THIS?
ON GUARD,
MEN!

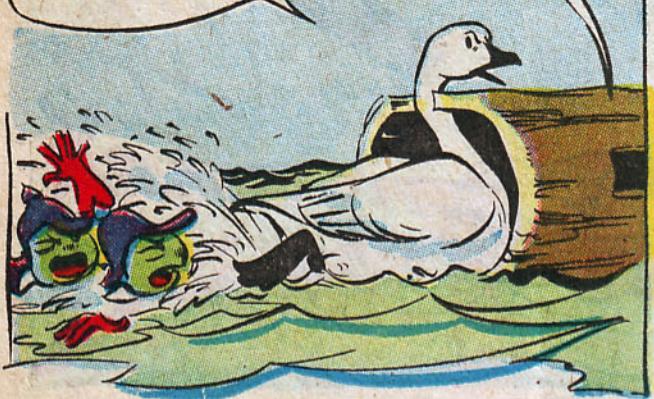
GO RIGHT BETWEEN THE FIRST
TWO BOATS, SWAN!





HERE'S A BIT MORE
WATER - IN CASE
YOU'RE NOT WET
ENOUGH!

QUICK,
SWAN...

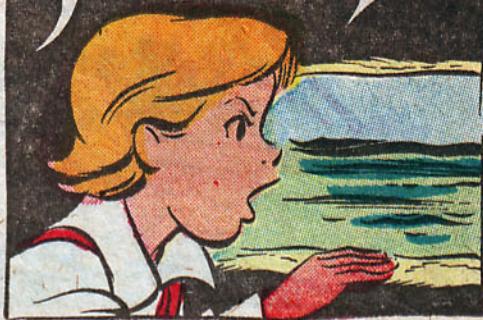


WOW! WHAT SPEED! THEY
SEEM TO BE STANDING
STILL, SWAN!



THE LEAFHOPPERS ARE
HEADING FOR SHORE!
WE'VE GOT TO GET
THERE
FIRST!

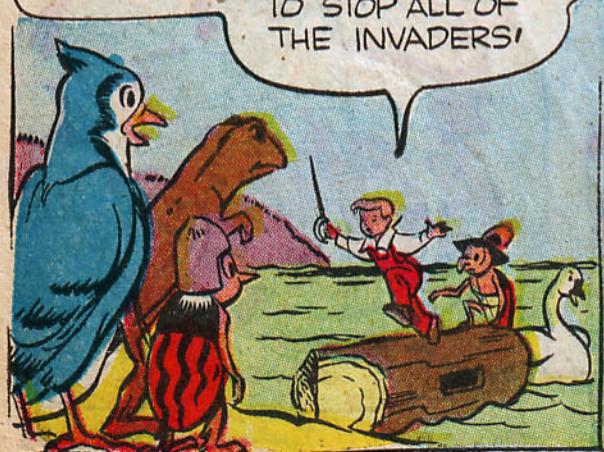
WE WILL!



WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT THEM
ON THE SHORE, BEETLE!
BUT I FEAR IF THEY GET
THAT FAR, WE WON'T
HAVE MUCH CHANCE!



TORCHES, EVERYONE! LIGHT THE
WHEAT! MY CRAFT HERE FAILED
TO STOP ALL OF
THE INVADERS!



SOON... THAT DID IT, PETER!
THEY STOPPED! EVEN
THEY KNOW THEY CAN'T
LEAP OVER THESE HIGH
FLAMES WITHOUT DISASTROUS
RESULTS!



THE ONLY DRAWBACK IS—
WE'RE BURNING UP GREAT
AMOUNTS OF GOOD WHEAT!
THEY'RE LIABLE TO WAIT
OFFSHORE UNTIL OUR
WHEAT SUPPLY IS
EXHAUSTED!

THEIR CAPTAIN IS KEEPING THEM
FROM TURNING BACK! IF I COULD
CHALLENGE HIM TO A DUEL AND
WIN...



BUT PETER DOESN'T
HESITATE! FLOATING
OUT ON HIS LOG
CRAFT, HE MAKES
HIS CHALLENGE...

...AND IF **YOU** WIN,
YOU AND YOUR
WARRIORS MAY HAVE
THE WHEAT KINGDOM!
IF I WIN, YOU LEAVE
US IN PEACE!

THIS WON'T TAKE LONG!
I'VE NEVER BEEN BESTED
IN A DUEL—AND YOU'LL
SOON SEE WHY!



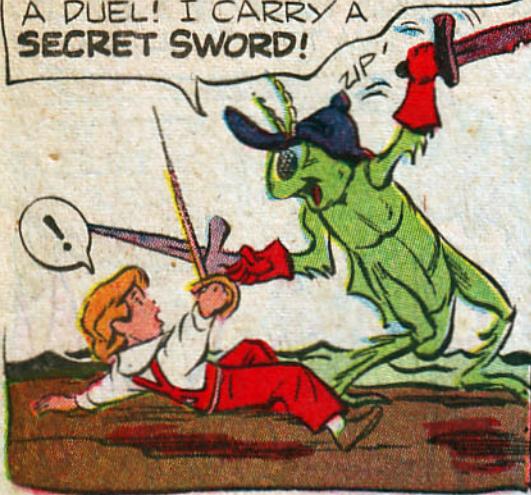
THE BATTLE IS FAST
AND FURIOUS...

YOU CAN
DO IT!

AND NOW FOR A
LITTLE **SURPRISE!**



HERE'S WHY I NEVER LOSE
A DUEL! I CARRY A
SECRET SWORD!



BUT, AS THE LEAFHOPPER STRIKES,
PETER LURCHES
TO ONE SIDE,
AND THE SWORD
IS PLUNGED INTO
THE LOG...



YOU'RE BACK TO **ONE** SWORD
AGAIN, CAPTAIN! YOU'LL NEVER
PULL YOUR EXTRA
SWORD FREE!

CLANK!



TAKE
THAT!

YEOW! SPARE
ME! WE'LL
GO! WE'LL
GO!



BACK TO YOUR FAR SHORE
AND **STAY THERE!**

YEOWCH!



HOORAY!
PETER
WON!

THE LEAFHOPPERS
ARE PADDLING OFF!

YEA,
PETER!

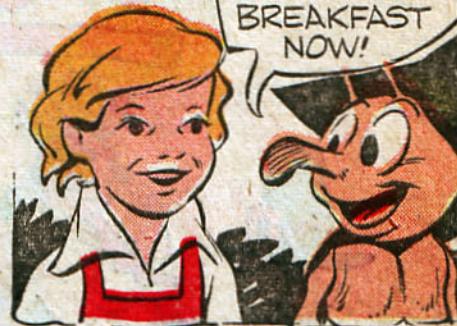


YOU CAN LET THE FIRES DIE OUT!
I THINK WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF
THOSE LEAFHOPPERS
FOR A WHILE!

FRANKLY SO WAS I! I
WAS LUCKY TO WIN!

WE WERE WORRIED
WHEN HE PULLED
OUT THAT EXTRA
SWORD, PETER!

WELL, I GUESS
WE CAN ALL GO
AND HAVE
BREAKFAST
NOW!



IT'S TOO LATE FOR BREAKFAST,
PETER - IT'S ALMOST LUNCH TIME!

AND SO...

BEETLE - WHAT'S
THIS? ARE YOU
EATING FROM
TWO PLATES?

GUESS YOU FINALLY
MISSED OUT ON A
MEAL, BEETLE!

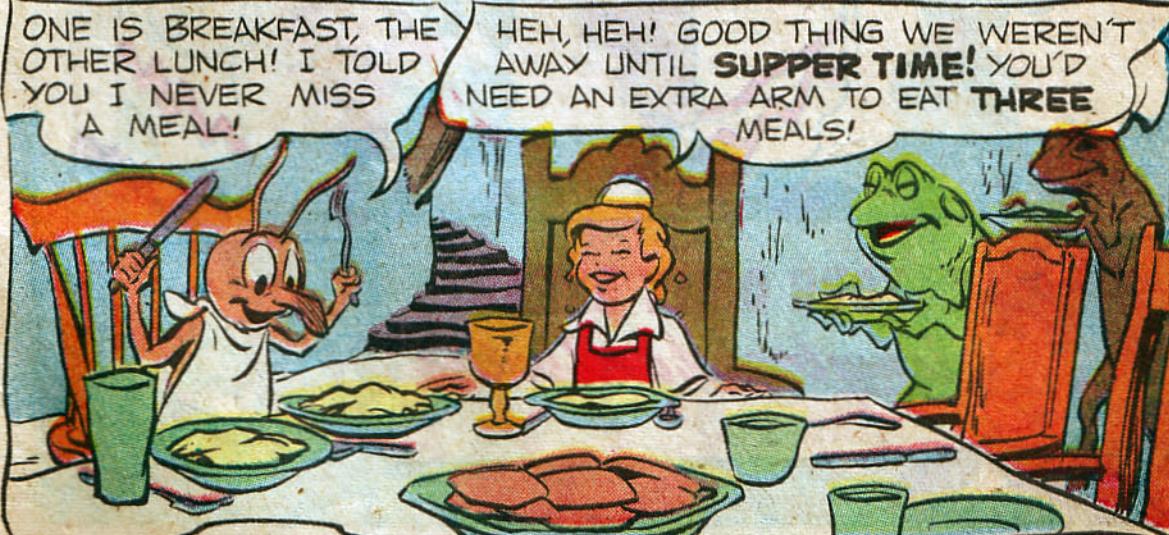
DON'T BE
TOO SURE!

YEP!

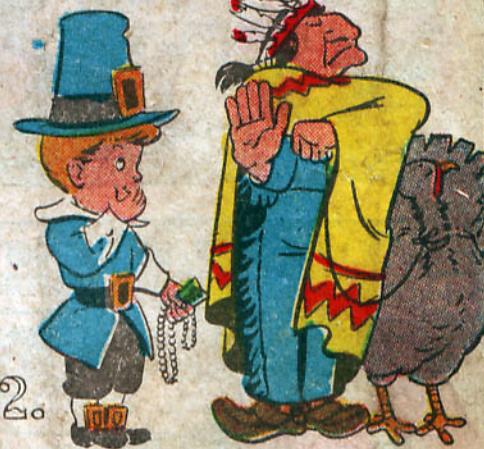


ONE IS BREAKFAST, THE
OTHER LUNCH! I TOLD
YOU I NEVER MISS
A MEAL!

HEH, HEH! GOOD THING WE WEREN'T
AWAY UNTIL SUPPER TIME! YOU'D
NEED AN EXTRA ARM TO EAT THREE
MEALS!



"Peter"



YOUR DAILY BREAD
is my bread and butter



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